



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 07781.0013-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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Stefan HACK et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 3623
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Application No.: 09/609,714	)	Examiner: Heck, Michael C.
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Filed: June 30, 2000	)	
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For: VALUE CHAIN OPTIMIZATION	)	Confirmation No.: 2503
SYSTEM AND METHOD	)	

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed May 17, 2005, the period for response which has been extended through September 19, 2005 (September 17<sup>th</sup> being a Saturday) by the attached Petition for Extension of Time of one month, Applicants file concurrently herewith a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and amend this application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment section of this paper.